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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a running start for the trades
2 grant program; adding a new section to chapter 28A.630 RCW; and
3 providing an expiration date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.630
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
8 specific purpose, the office of the superintendent of public
9 instruction must establish a running start for the trades grant
10 program. The purpose of the grant program is to offer
11 preapprenticeship opportunities for students to learn skills and gain
12 experience using hand tools and power tools.

13 (2) In implementing the grant program, the office of the
14 superintendent of public instruction must contract with an
15 organization that will offer preapprenticeship opportunities to at
16 least two cohorts of students each year during the summer months. The
17 preapprenticeship opportunities must consist of 280 hours of training
18 during the summer including, but not limited to:

19 (a) Participation in jobsite tours;

1 (b) Meeting with industry professionals who specialize in
2 apprenticeship opportunities and professional development
3 opportunities;

4 (c) Earning industry certifications;

5 (d) Learning trades math;

6 (e) Using power and hand tools; and

7 (f) Completing small build projects.

8 (3) The organization must provide direct or preferred entry into
9 registered apprenticeship programs in the construction industries for
10 students who complete the program requirements.

11 (4) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall
12 award grants to the organization it contracts with that demonstrates
13 experience offering preapprenticeship opportunities to cohorts of
14 students in south King county during the summer months. The
15 organization must have experience partnering with local school
16 districts, higher education institutions, labor and union partners,
17 and local contractor partners while providing the preapprenticeship
18 opportunities.

19 (5) By December 1, 2028, the office of the superintendent of
20 public instruction must report findings and recommendations for the
21 grant program, including an assessment of whether the grant program
22 increased entries into registered apprenticeship programs in the
23 construction industries and should be expanded. The report required
24 by this subsection must be submitted to the education committees of
25 the house of representatives and the senate in accordance with RCW
26 43.01.036.

27 (6) This section expires June 30, 2029.

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